

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 1, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for ongoing leadership and commitment to a thriving United States Postal Service (Postal Service). The expiration of the terms of two members of the Board of Governors presents the Administration with a unique opportunity to ensure that the Postal Service has a vibrant future.

The Postal Service addresses the critical communication needs of millions of communities and businesses across the nation. Each day, there are 421 million pieces of mail and 23 million packages processed and delivered by Postal Service workers.¹ No other operation in the world matches this level of connectivity and accessibility for their customers. Many of us in Congress hear daily from constituents who rely on the Postal Service for essential services like receiving Social Security checks, paying bills, voting, and receiving medication. Given the fundamental role that the Postal Service plays in the lives of countless Americans, there must be great care taken to choose those who influence its direction.

Unfortunately, the Postal Service currently suffers from slow rates of delivery service and increased costs. Despite the passage of the Postal Service Reform Act, the Postal Service still faces a litany of challenges. Five price hikes since 2020, continual service delivery problems, and constant declines in mail volume are all indicators that the business model of the Postal Service needs careful attention. America deserves a postal service that serves all our communities and prioritizes the needs of those who are too often forgotten, including rural Americans, tribal communities, seniors, and small businesses. The actions of current postal leadership are deeply concerning. Rather than exploring new sources of revenue, it has continued price increases to “uncomfortable rates”² around the country. Indeed, the latest price hike took effect today just days ago.

¹ United States Postal Service, *One Day in the Postal Service* (online at <https://facts.usps.com/one-day/>) (accessed Jan. 17, 2024).

² DeJoy: *Expect USPS mail prices to keep going up at an ‘uncomfortable rate’*, Federal News Network (May 6, 2022) (online at <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/management/2022/05/dejoy-expect-usps-mail-prices-to-keep-going-up-at-an-uncomfortable-rate/>).

On December 8, 2023, the terms of Lee Moak and William Zollars, two members of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, expired. We, the undersigned members of Congress, write to urge you to:

1. Swiftly nominate two new members of the Board to ensure no disruption in service to the American people.
2. Choose two candidates who will be wholly committed to lowering costs for everyday Americans and restoring the Postal Service as a public good to be enjoyed by all and not only those who can afford expensive specialty services.

Now more than ever, it is important that the Board of Governors have a full, diverse, and future-oriented Postal Board of Governors in place that will uphold its mission of public service. In filling the Board vacancies, we urge you to nominate Postal Governor candidates who will hold leadership accountable and advocate strongly for the protection and expansion of Postal Service services—services that are essential to working class families and small businesses who depend on prompt, reliable, affordable delivery no matter their ZIP code. We must work together to ensure the United States Postal Service of the future is well-positioned to be the innovative institution that the people of our nation deserve. Thank you for your attention to nominating qualified individuals who share our common goal.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member, Committee
on Oversight and
Accountability



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Member of Congress



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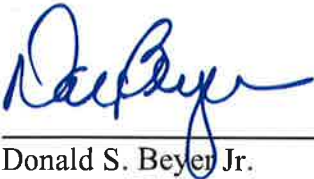
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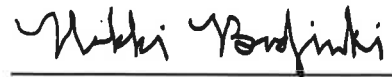
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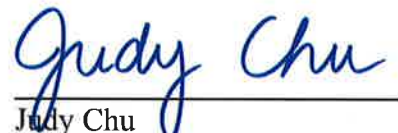
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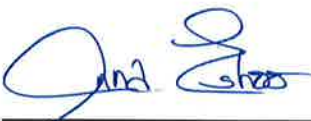
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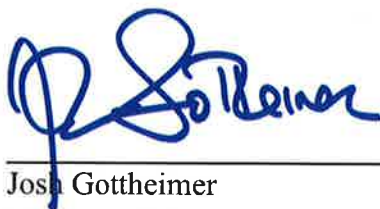
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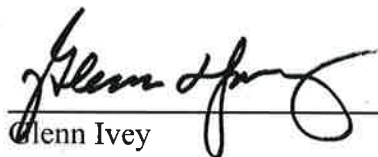
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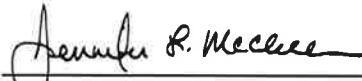
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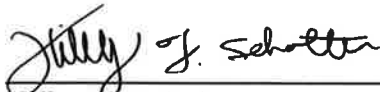
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